

Lake County Duplicate Bridge Clubs, Inc.

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MINUTES FOR 2/12/2020

The meeting was called to order by President John Carusone at 11:00 a.m. Present were John Carusone, Jerry Robie, Bill Zollinger, and Linda Holloway by proxy. Peggy Keene was excused, and Larry Richert was absent.

The board reviewed the minutes of the last meeting, and although there were no changes, Jerry wished the font could be larger. John agreed to meet with our secretary to possibly resolve the problem. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes, and unanimously passed.

Next Lindley d'Ouille gave her treasure's report. Jerry Robie then discussed what he saw as a significant loss for beverages and snacks. After a discussion, it was agreed the club manager would ask all directors to announce before games that beverages and snacks aren't free, and for players to respect the miniscule cost by paying for club provided products. The Board agreed and otherwise accepted the treasurer's report as given.

The President then called on Paula Fickel to give an ethics report. Paula first introduced Diane Vonasek who had agreed to be on the ethics committee. Otherwise, the committee had nothing to report.

Nancy Williams then gave the report of the education committee. She handed the Board her two page report, and discussed the highlights. The President (and acting secretary) indicated he would include the report in the minutes. Although Nancy was pleased with the mentoring program, she was disappointed with the turn out for the Good, the Bad and the Ugly Tuesday afternoons. She was otherwise pleased with all the education activity the Club was providing. (See her report attached hereto.)

In old business an agreement was reached that the Club manager he would run the vacuum in the building at least once in the weeks the cleaning people don't come. It was further agreed the directors would remind the players to clean up after themselves, and return boards etc. to the director's desk. Lindley then gave a follow up concerning having the roof replaced. She was looking to have at least

3 different companies give estimates, but it was going slowly. One estimate was done, and she was working on the other two. Caryl Mackay then followed up on her search to have a signup sheet for members to buy name tags. She suggested two different possibilities; and two different means of attachment. There was a slight difference in cost, and it was finally agreed to ask \$10.00 regardless of what selection a member made. It was suggested Caryl might ask Margaret Timpe for assistance as she had run a sign up for name tags in the past.

In new business, Jerry Robie initiated a discussion about deceased members' plaques. Jerry felt it was important to find a place to display the plaques as some of the names were the Club founders, and others were friends of many of the present members. It was agreed the manager would get together with the ad hoc committee to make a proposal to the board. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until the next Board meeting on March 11th at 9:00 a.m.

Attached to the minutes is the Education Committee report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2-12-20

1) BEGINNER'S BRIDGE

Margaret Jollimore, a member from Wildwood, will be teaching beginners at our club, **"INTRO TO BRIDGE—FASCINATING, FEAR-FREE, & FUN,"** each Wednesday from March 18 – April 22, 2020. \$6 fee per class. Now all members must do is find students for her to teach! Flyers have been designed for members to distribute to interested Lake County residents. Posters (11x17 & 8.5x14) are available for anyone who wishes to post the class information in their community centers, schools, and churches. The posters will be stored in the director's room. If any interested beginner calls the LCDBC, please note their name and phone number and pass the information to Nancy. Also, please give them my phone number, (352) 408-6965.

2) PRO IT FORWARD— MENTORING PROGRAM

Our mentoring program, chaired by Jane Carusone, began in mid-January. Mentors and mentees have been matched, and Jane is pleased to report that we have 14 mentoring

pairs and are about half-way through with our program. Some of our pairs are playing in the morning games, some in the afternoon games, and some in both games. We appreciate our mentors who generously give of their time to coach our beginners and advancing beginners. At the end of our program, we will design a questionnaire for receiving feedback from our mentors and mentees to improve and enhance our mentoring program in the future.

3) **“THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY”**

“THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY” program, which occurs each Tuesday afternoon, January 14th through February 25th, from 1 -3 pm, has now met five times. I am discouraged to report that 95% of the non-life masters who play in the morning, do not remain behind to participate in this valuable class. We usually seat one full table of players because a couple of members attend without having played in the morning. Any player who attends is coached by two of three Life Masters, Joan Mager, Jane Carusone, and Nancy Williams. Those players who do attend attest that the two hours spent with the coaches are **“extremely helpful.”**

4) **MONDAY MORNING “MINI LESSONS”**

Each Monday morning before the non-Life Master game, **John Carusone teaches “mini-lessons.”** John gathers an impressive following for these lessons.

5) **THURSDAY’S “DISCUSSION GROUP”**

Joan Mager manages the **Intermediate Bridge Lessons** from 11 am - 12:30 pm on Thursdays before our afternoon game. No fee required. Members of the Discussion Group decide which lessons they wish to cover, and each member is assigned the task of researching a subject and presenting it to the group. **We all know the best way to learn a subject is to TEACH IT to others!** Joan says she usually has six to seven attendees.

6) **“DOWNRIGHT DEFENSIVE” CLASS**

Jerry Robie, our skilled Life Master, began his class on Jan. 15 with 25 students, and we are pleased to report he has maintained a respectable student retention. This class occurs Wednesday mornings from 10:30-12:30 pm and lasts until March 11, 2020. \$10 fee per class.

- 7) **Joan Mager** is also teaching several newly interested players outside the bridge club that reside near her locale. These players are all female beginners.

Respectfully,

Nancy Williams

Education Committee, Chair

Jane Carusone, member

John Carusone, member

Linda Holloway, member

Joan Mager, member